

### Amendments to the Specification

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This application is the National Stage of Application No. PCT/EP2004/012567, filed on May 11, 2004, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/517,827 filed November 6, 2003. The contents of both are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is a nucleic acid comprising Agg promoters and methods of using the same. The invention also provides methods for identifying and treating disease based on the activity of Agg promoters.